



RYDE

TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2018 IN THE IN THE COUNCIL MEETING
ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, 10 LIND STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.**

PRESENT: Councillors Henry Adams, Adrian Axford, Charles Chapman, Julian Critchley, Christine Hall, Phil Jordan, Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Sue Lyons, Malcolm Ross, Ian Stephens, Tim Wakeley

IN ATTENDANCE: Gareth Hughes (Responsible Financial Officer), Liz Dutton (Administration Officer),

ALSO PRESENT: 4 member of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: There were no questions from members of the public.

78/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Ian Stephens, Christine Hall, Henry Adams.

79/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Adrian Axford declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 as Ryde Town Councils representative for All Saints Football Club.

Councillor Michael Lilley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 as Ryde Town Councils representative for Ryde Business Association.

Councillor Charles Chapman declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 as he was involved in the Isle of Wight Literary Festival

80/18 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No written requests had been received.

81/18 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2018 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

82/18 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no members' questions.

83/18 MARKETING GRANTS 2018/19

(a) IW Bus & Coach Museum Ltd

Consideration was given to a grant for the Beer, Buses and Walks 2018 event.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £500 be awarded.

Councillor Ian Stephens entered the room.

(b) Ryde Business Association – World Kindness Day and Christmas in Ryde

The Committee were reminded that it was a condition of all grants that organisations were required to report back on the success of their event within 3 months of the event taking place and failure to do so would place any future funding in jeopardy. The Clerk advised that no report had been received in relation to last years Christmas in Ryde or for the Autumn in Appley event. Therefore, the Committee decided not to consider the applications submitted by Ryde Business Association but indicated if the applications were resubmitted in the next round and the necessary reports had been received the applications for funding would be considered.

84/18 COMMUNITY GRANTS 2018/19

(a) The Isle of Wight Venue Campaign

Consideration was given to a grant for Acoustic Isle which aimed to promote live music in Ryde. The Committee felt that the application lacked detail and did not demonstrate sufficient community benefit. They concluded that the proposed event was primarily a commercial enterprise and they would have liked to have seen it linked to other community events in the local area.

RESOLVED:

The grant was declined.

(b) The Methodist Church Ryde

Consideration was given to an application from the Methodist Church for the replacement of rainwater goods at the side of the building. There was some discussion that as this formed part of the fabric of the building it should be the owners responsibility although the Committee recognised that the building hosted many activities for the community.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £300 be awarded.

(c) Vernon Square Conservation Society

The Committee considered a grant for tree work. Members noted the amount paid for such works in the previous year and after discussion it was agreed to fund the difference between the quote for the necessary works and the amount the Society paid for similar tree work last year.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £476 be awarded.

(d) Ryde Business Association – Christmas in Ryde

This application was not considered for the reason contained in minute 83/18
(b)

(e) Isle of Wight Synchronised Ice Skating Club – Wight Jewels

Consideration was given to an application to help Wight Jewels qualify to compete at the World Synchronised Skating Championships. As a third of the skaters were from Ryde the Committee agreed to fund a third of the grant requested.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £500 be awarded.

(f) Ryde Business Association – World Kindness Day

This application was not considered for the reason contained in minute 83/18
(b)

(g) Ryde Saints Football Club – New Changing Rooms at Smallbrook Stadium

Consideration was given to an application to help provide new changing room. The Committee contribution the club makes to the local community and

therefore it was

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £750 be awarded.

(h) Aspire Ryde – Permanent Community Café

The Committee considered an application from Aspire to improve the current community café by moving it to a plumbed in and permanent facility.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1,500 be awarded.

(i) Shademakers UK CIC

The Committee considered an application from Shademakers for a project entitled MAKE (make things, make connections, make time for yourself). Members were keen to support the event and hoped supporting this event would encourage further community based events to use the Depository as a venue. To that aim members wished to award a grant for half the workshops (ie 5 x £150) and for marketing of the event on the condition that no charge was made for attendance.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £750 be awarded and £250 for marketing the event.

(j) Jigsaw Family Support – Children’s Contact Centre

Consideration was given to an application by Jigsaw Family Support. The Committee were keen to support the work that Jigsaw undertook however felt it was unclear from the application what specific project funding was being requested for as the application appeared to be asking to fund core costs. Members were keen to learn more about the support the organisation provides within the community and to that aim it was suggested that the Chairman requests a meeting with Jigsaw and reports back to the Committee. Once the Committee had a clearer picture of what the organisations needs were, it would be pleased to receive another application to consider in a future grant round.

(k) IW Literary Festival Youth Programme – IWLF SCHOOLS – “The Great Telling Off Storytelling” and Speak Out Spoken Word”

The Committee considered an application for a grant with a storytelling theme of Science and Innovation. Members recognised the importance of encouraging children to read.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £500 be awarded.

(l) Isle of Wight Beach Soccer – Wight Wave Beach Sports Club & Events

The Committee considered an application for a grant to provide equipment and coaches for the first Isle of Wight beach sports club at Appley Beach. The Committee were keen to support the event and were impressed with the growth in number of girls and ladies taking part.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1,000 be awarded.

(m) Magpie Arts – Elementary Arts

Consideration was given to an application for arts course for people facing mental health challenges. The Committee wanted further details about the organisation and how it marketed and selected people for its courses and expressed some concern over its viability. To gain a greater understanding it was suggested that the Chairman meet with the organisation in order to report back to the Committee.

(n) The Friends of All Saints' Ryde – Restoration of Calvary War Memorial

Consideration was given to a project to restore the manes on the War Memorial of Ryde citizens who fell in the First World War.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1,000 be awarded

(o) Isle Access – Dining Car Café

Consideration was given to the application to provide a café on Ryde Esplanade Station that had an accessible training kitchen, a changing facility, wheelchair/mobility scooter hire and an accessible multi-purpose room. Members were keen to support the project and believed funding the full amount that had been requested would help encourage further investment.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL

That a grant of £10,000 be awarded to Isle Access towards The Dining Car Café project and that the funding be taken from the Council's reserves.

(Councillor Julian Critchley and Councillor Charles Chapman left the meeting).

85/18 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MARKETING WORKING PARTY

Consideration was given to appointing three members to the Marketing Working Party.

RESOLVED:

That Cllrs Karen Lucioni, Henry Adams and Julian Critchley be appointed to the Marketing Working Party.

86/18 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP

The Committee considered a request from the Community Rail Partnership to re-join the partnership with an annual fee of £2,000. Members recognised the value of working in partnership with other organisations but considered it prudent to re-join for just one year and then to review the matter.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL

That Ryde Town Council re-join the Community Rail Partnership for the period of one year at a fee of £2,000 and that Full Council be asked to appoint a representative to attend Executive Board meetings of the Partnership.

87/18 WAIVER REPORT – REDECORATION OF EASTERN GARDENS AND APPELY PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Committee received a report which gave the background and an update on the award of the redecoration contract for Eastern Gardens and Appley Public Conveniences. The award of the contract had been made by the Clerks in agreement with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee to enable works to be completed by the end of June 2018. The Committee noted the award of the redecoration contract as detailed in the report to Double Diamond Decorators.

88/18 LIFEGUARD SERVICE AND STATION – VIREMENTS

Consideration was given to a proposal for the establishment of two new budget headings with the following funds to be allocated by means of a virement from the Council's reserves.

RESOLVED:

- (i) Lifeguard Station – an initial virement of £3,000 to fund the costs incurred by the transfer of the Lifeguard Station on North Walk and towards ongoing future maintenance of this facility
- (ii) New Beach Steps – an initial virement of £1,000 to fund the new beach steps required for the lifeguard service and towards ongoing future maintenance of the steps

89/18 LETTER FROM ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL REGARDING THE ROAD CROSSING PATROL SERVICE AT SWANMORE ROAD

Consideration was given to a letter received from Isle of Wight Council asking if the Town Council wished to provide funding for the Road Crossing Patrol Service Officer. Members were reminded that they had previously agreed to fund the service for one year only and for ward members to raise the matter with the schools affected in order to encourage them to fund future years from their devolved budgets.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL

That the invitation from the Isle of Wight Council to fund the Road Crossing Patrol Service at Swanmore Road for a further year be declined

90/18 CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT PROCESS FOR CLASSIC CAR EXTRAVAGANZA

The Committee were advised that this was a very successful event held at Appley each year. The event had now been given its own budget line and was the only grant that was currently paid into a bank account of an individual rather to an organisation. After discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

To continue payment as of present and to support officers in finding a way to continue to support this event.

91/18 GIFT TO NATURE – ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report from Gift to Nature was noted.

92/18 COMPLETION REPORT

The completion report from Isle of Wight Bus & Coach Museum Ltd for a marketing grant awarded in November 2017 were noted.

93/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Tuesday 24 July 2018.

CHAIRMAN

DATE